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the wide plains, hot sun, peril and adventure, enriching the reader's appreciation of them and the drama of America's growth. Each song has a simple musical setting with fingering for piano and chords for ukes, etc., indicated. The illustrations by Aldren A. Watson are wonderful - sketches of tough old hands punchin', shootin', yarning, or just lazing, as well as many boisterous sketches of action illustrating the songs. Forward by Carl Carmer. Brand this one for every school and home. (5/18)

*TWELVE TO FIFTEEN - Fiction*

Keene, Carolyn — Grosset & Dunlap
THE PORTRAIT IN THE SAND: *A Dana Girls Mystery* — $.85

It is wise for the bookseller to keep track of the latest tales in this rather simple-minded series, since the *Nancy Drew* author does have a determined and acquisitive following. In this one the Dana girls track down a fabulous gangster by tracing his likeness in sand and wood. The girls do much better than the F.B.I. man who is trussed in a cave. (Publ.)

McCormick, Wilfred — Putnam
GRAND-SLAM HOMER: *A Bronc Burnett Story* — $2.00

On the road again with the men of Sonora High, this time the boys play in Yankee Stadium for the national Junior Baseball finals. Once more the young pitcher holds the team together as the Sonora line-up wavers because of some wrong guessing on the part of Fat Crompton, the catcher. But the boys beat the "hunch" jinx and two round trippers provide a smash ending. For the series followers - up to form. (Publ.)

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Lingenfelter, Mary R. & Kitson, Harry Dexter — Harcourt, Brace
VOCATIONS FOR GIRLS — $3.00

A completely revised edition of this career staple first published in 1939. Covering a wide variety of fields, the authors investigate the many positions open to girls in Health, Business, Social Work, Science and Engineering, Literature and Art, Farm and Home, and Government Work, in each case pointing out the qualities necessary to fulfill the requirements. Unfortunately, however, we feel that the hazards and exact preparation requirements in some professions - medicine, newspaper reporting, farming, - are too lightly passed over. Of course, this is a bird's-eye view, and the bibliography of books treating each occupation is of great value in tracking down more specific information. (Publ.)

*FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS*

Duggan, Alfred — Coward-McCann
KNIGHT WITH ARMOUR — $3.50

Unusually thorough research in this story of an 11th century crusade, and a de-glamorized historical reconstruction of a military world of knights and war, make this fine supplementary reading for history. Boys, particularly, will be intrigued by details about arms, mail, and methods of warfare. The hero, young Roger, likeable but inexperienced, finds himself in the interval between his departure from England and the last battle on the walls of Jerusalem, slowly robbed of his youthful fervor and romantic crusading vision, but remains faithful to his vows until his death. A novel with depth and perspective. (Full report on P. 234) (6/11)

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